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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF PEERS ON
THE BUDGET AT THE 67TH SESSION OF THE IMPERIAL DIET, 25 FEBRUARY 1935.

Answer of the Minister of State.
Minister of State, Mr. Koki Hirota.

Now I shall explain about the foreign policy. The abrogation of the Washington Treaty has been the greatest problem for Japan, the end of last year being the deadline for the announcement of an abrogation. Fortunately, a preliminary naval conference was to be held in London, which afforded opportunity of making the Japanese intention clear, thus enabling to make announcement of abrogation in a most peaceful atmosphere imaginable. I endeavored with an idea to create as good an atmosphere as possible for the naval conference, after consulting with the powers as to the method of abrogation in the preliminary conference. Happily, I think the procedure of the abrogation of the Washington Treaty has passed without mishap.

Furthermore, to bring about naval disarmament, it is essential that the world should be in a peaceful atmosphere. It is impossible to accomplish disarmament when the powers feel internationally uneasy about each other because armament is the most important organ of security. In order to maintain world peace I should like to harmonize the interests of the powers by better understanding as there are many conflicts of sentiment and interests. For the realization of this aspiration, as the powers attending the naval conference are greatly interested and anxious about the maintenance of peace in the Far East, Japan as the power which has the responsibility of the maintenance of peace in the Far East should work towards this end.

As for the foundation of peace in the Far East, relations with Russia, centering around Manchukuo, and relations between Japan and China are the most important problems. Therefore, striving to promote the friendly relations with these countries, I intend to make every effort to be in a position to show the world the substance of the peace of the Far East by the time Japan attends a preliminary conference or the naval conference.

I think it is unnecessary at this time to state the relations with these countries except to say that, in general, I think, they are gradually improving.

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國務大臣 廣田弘毅君

茲ニ外交ノ點ニ付テ申上ゲマスレバ此軍府條約ノ廢棄ノ期限ガ昨年ノ暮ニ通
告シ得ル時期ニ到來致シマシタノデソレハ日本ノ一ツノ大キナ外交上ノ問題
トナツテ居ツタノデアリマス從ヒマシテ幸ニ「ロンドン」デ豫備海軍交渉ガ
開ケルコトニ相成ツテ居リマスノデ其條約ニ對シテ將來ノ日本ノ考テ豫備會
議デ明カニシテサウシテ出來ルダケ極カナ空氣ノ中ニ廢棄ノ通告ヲ遂ゲルヤ
ウニシタイト云フ考デ、豫備會商デ其廢棄ノ方法等ニ付キマシテモ列國ニ相
談ヲ致シマシテ成ルベク好イ空氣ノ下ニ本當ノ會議ニ臨ミ得ルヤウナ風ニ致
シタイト努力致シタノデアリマスガ幸ニ軍府條約ノ廢棄ニ付キマシテハ手續
ハ無事ニ經過致シタヤウニ思フノデアリマス。向ホ海軍ノ軍縮ヲ實際ニ實現
スルコトニ付キマシテハ、ドウシテモ是ハ矢張り世界ニ平和ノ空氣ガ張ツテ
居ナケレバナラヌ各國ノ間ニ色々國際上不安ヲ感ズルヤウデハ其ノ最モ保障
ノ機關デアアル軍備ト云フモノノ縮少ト云フモノハ到底出來ナイノデアリマス
ノデ、世界ノ平和ノ維持ト致シマシテハ各國間ニ夫レゾレ感情ノ衝突或ハ利

吾ノ衝突等ガアリマスノデソレ等ノ點モ十分ニ意思ノ疎通ヲ圖リ利害ノ調節
 ヲ圖ルヤウニ致シタイト思ツテ居ルノデアリマス此ノ方法ト致シマシテハ列
 國此海軍ノ會議ニ列席致シマシタ國ト致シマシテハ先ツ極東ニ於ケル平和ノ
 維持ト云フコトニ非常ニ重キヲ置キマシテ其ノ點ニ色々懸念ヲ持ツテ居ツタ
 ヤウデアリマスノデ日本ト致シマシテハ東洋ニ於ケル平和ノ責任者トシテ十
 分ニ其ノ點ニハ努力ヲヒナケレバナナイト思フノデアリマス、東洋ノ平和
 ノ基礎ト致シマシテハ滿洲國ヲ中心ト致シマシタ「ロシア」トノ關係或ハ日
 本ト支那トノ關係ト云フモノガ一番大キナ問題ニ相成ツテ居リマスノデ此際
 出來ルダケ是等ノ方面トノ觀察ノ關係ヲ作ルヤウニ致シマシテ將來更ニ世界
 事情會議或ハ本會議ニ臨ミマス迄ニハ何トカシテ此東洋ノ平和ノ責任ヲ世界
 ニ示シ得ルヤウニ努力致シタイト思ツテ居ルノデアリマス、同ホ是等ノ點ト
 ノ關係ハ特ニ此際申上ゲル必要ハナイト思ヒマスガ大体ニ於テ良好ナ傾向ニ
 進ミツツアルコトヲ申上ゲタイト思フ次第デアリマス。